

**ZAIDA BERGROTH****CURRICULUM VITAE**

director-screenwriter

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**EDUCATION**

**2004** Master of Arts in film directing  
**1997 - 2004** studies at University of Art and Design, Department of Film and Television  
**1996 - 1997** studies at Prague film school (FAMU)  
**1995** high school diploma

**SHORT FILMOGRAPHY AS DIRECTOR AND SCREENWRITER:**

**2011** **The Good Son (Hyvä poika)** 87 min, feature film, Bufo Oy (FIN)  
*(written by Jan Forsström & Z. B.)*

**2009** **Last Cowboy Standing  
(Skavabölen pojat)** 122 min, feature film  
 Juonifilmi (FIN), NikoVantastic Film (DE)  
*(written by Jan Forsström, Antti Raivio & Z.B.)*

**2007** **Town Manager** 13 min, short fiction, Petfilms Oy  
*(written by Jan Forsström & Z. B.)*

**2006** **Heavy Metal** 30 min, short fiction, Juonifilmi Oy  
*(written by Jan Forsström & Z. B.)*

**2004** **Glass Jaw** 38 min, short fiction, Do Films Oy

**AWARDS & SELECTED FESTIVAL APPEARANCES:****The Good Son**

Toronto International Film Festival 2011

*Discovery-section*

Finnish nominee for the Nordic Council Film Prize 2011

Quality Prize of the Finnish State 2011

Chicago International Film Festival 2011

*Main Prize in the New Directors Competition "Gold Hugo"*

*Sylvi prize, Best Finnish Script 2011*

*Finnish Film Director of the Year 2011*

Febiofest (Prague IFF) 2012

*Grand Prix*

Festival International du Film d'Amour de Mons 2012

*Grand Prix*

*Best Male Actor Samuli Niittymäki*

Luxor Egyptian and European Film Festival 2012

*Silver Djed -award*

*Seven nominations in the Finnish Jussi-awards (including Best Film, Best Director, Best Script)*

*Best Female lead -award for Elina Knihtilä in the annual Jussi-awards*

**Last Cowboy Standing**

*Best Screenplay –award in the annual Jussi-awards 2009*

*Best Sound –award in the annual Jussi-awards 2009*

Pusan International Film Festival 2009

*Main Prize in the International Competition, "Flash Forward Award"*

Anjalankoski film prize 2010

*Best Finnish film of 2010*

Gothenburg Film Festival 2010  
*Nordic Film Prize -nominee*

Copenhagen PIX 2010  
*New Talent Grand Prix -nominee*

Taipei Film Festival 2010  
*New Talent Competition*

### **Heavy Metal**

Tampere International Short Film Festival 2007  
*Main Prize and Audience Award (National Competition)*

Kettupäivät Helsinki Short Film Festival 2007  
*Main Prize (under 30 minutes)*

*Quality Prize of the Finnish state 2007*

Nordic Glory Festival 2007  
*Special Mention*

20<sup>th</sup> Helsinki International Film Festival 2007, Midnight Sun Film Festival 2007

*distributed by Future Shorts*

*TV broadcasts: YLE, SVT, RAI*

### **Glass Jaw**

Tampere Short Film Festival 2004  
*Special Prize (National Competition)*

The Next Reel Student Film Festival, New York 2005  
*Best Narrative*

Nordic Glory Film Festival 2005  
*Audience Award*

*Quality Prize of the Finnish State 2004*

Woodstock Film Festival, New York 2004, 46. Nordische Filmtage Lübeck 2004, 23rd Uppsala  
 International Short Film Festival 2004, Midnight Sun Film Festival 2004, 17<sup>th</sup> Helsinki  
 International Film Festival 2004, Osaka European Film Festival 2005, Festival Cinéma Nordique  
 2005 *TV broadcasts: YLE, Arte, SVT*